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PRESS RELEASE

Bicycle Safety and Fitness Camp -City of Miami Beach Educates our Children -

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach organized the first Bicycle Safety and Fitness Camp to teach children basic bicycling knowledge needed to safely and confidently ride their bike. The camp was held at the North Shore Youth Center from June 12-23, 2006. The bike camp combined classroom discussions and activities with on-bike skills practice sessions along with several fun and exciting field trips to bike paths in the local area. The camp stressed bicycle safety and how to correctly drive a bike in traffic to prevent traffic accidents. Certified bicycle instructors and professionals in the field volunteered their time. The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank instructors David Henderson of the Miami-Dade County MPO, Officer Jeff Cohen of the Miami Beach Police Department, Jennette Peralta of Miami Children's Hospital and Fritz's Bike Shop. The Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program also provided training and assistance in the development of the camp curriculum.

In Addition, a special thank you to the City of Miami Beach Public Works Department, the Police Department and the Police Athletic League, who donated bicycles, helmets and locks for those who registered.

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